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SUBJECT: Greek Communists Call for Unity Action to Mobilize Labor Against the Military Regime

REF :

On July 19, 1967, the clandestine Greek Communist radio, Voice of Truth, broadcast a report delivered by Communist leader Apostolos Grozos to the 11th Plenum of the KKE (Greek Communist Party in Exile) Central Committee. The report deals with the political situation in Greece and calls for the creation of an "anti-dictatorial patriotic front" for the overthrow of the dictatorship and "the restoration of constitutional and democratic liberties." Of particular significance is Grozos' appeal for "unity of action on the part of the working classes" and his summons for the establishment of "struggle committees in the factories, in offices and sectors of every class."

COMMENT: The harsh tone of Grozos' report would indicate that the KKE will step up the pressure against the present regime. To our knowledge, the report contains the first appeal for action since the coup of April 21 by proposing popular front tactics in an effort to mobilize resistance against the regime. There is, as yet, no sign that "anti-dictatorial committees" suggested by Grozos have been organized by the Communists although there is evidence that contact work goes on through word of mouth and covert distribution of party printed material. Undoubtedly, the party line indicated by Grozos will filter down to the faithful through the existing clandestine Greek apparatus.

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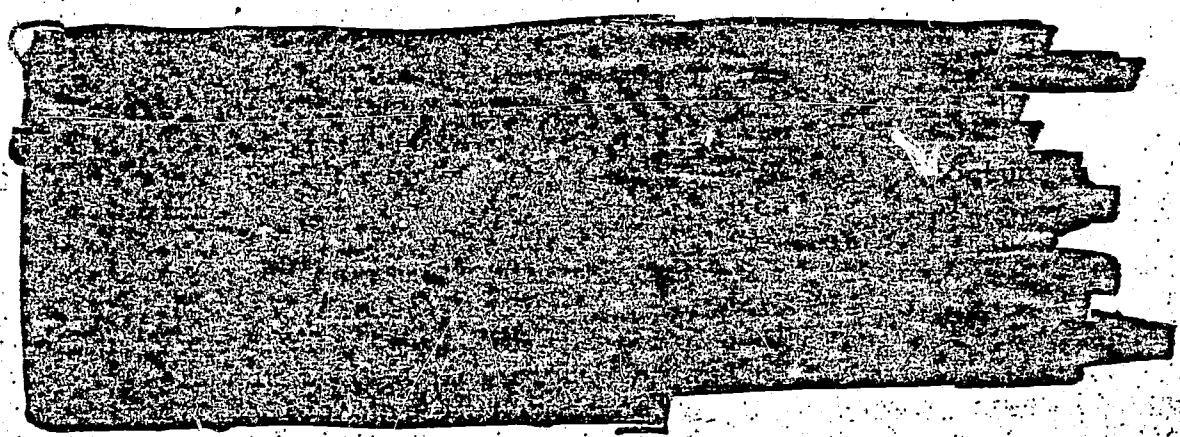
The unity of action call by the Communists may well pose a dilemma for the "nationalist" trade unionists who are having difficulty with the regime in their efforts to defend the rights of "free trade unionism."



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